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- 3. No additional claims fee is required.
- 4. Please charge the fee for filing an RCE and extension fee, estimated to be \$1,810.00, to Novozymes North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-1701.

Respectfully submitted.

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